

U. S.-AUSTRIA BREAK NEAR

AMERICA PREPARES TO FIGHT AS CENTRAL POWERS UNITE IN PLAN FOR RUTHLESS SEA WAR

President Appeals for Support of Neutrals, Hoping to Force Berlin to Operate Within Law and Bring War to End

Sinking of Housatonic Eliminated as Cause for Hostilities—Financial, Industrial and Military America Rushes to Aid of Administration and Is Ready to Meet Eventualities

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Warning through the press to the country—Government officials and citizens—against doing anything in panic or haste that might embarrass the Government seriously in its present international situation was issued today by the Government.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Four members of the crew of the British steamship Evestone were killed when that vessel was sunk today. Besides the Evestone the Danish steamship Larskruz also fell victim to the German submarine warfare.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Spain will follow the United States against Germany, even to the point of declaring war, according to a wireless received from Rome today, quoting the Spanish Ambassador there.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Spain today formally accepted the request of the United States to look after American interests in Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—All pending social engagements have been canceled by President and Mrs. Wilson. These include the Southern Society relief dance tonight and the noted army and navy reception planned for tomorrow night.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The Kaiser has just returned to German headquarters after a conference with King Ferdinand of Bulgaria at Poestyn, says a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

America today speeded her preparations for war, awaiting an overt act by Germany in illegal submarining. Financial, industrial and military forces throughout the country offered themselves to back President Wilson's stand. An official note from Ambassador Penfield states that Austria will join Germany in her ruthless sea warfare.

FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, MILITARY AMERICA RUSHES TO AID OF WILSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Wilson held himself in readiness today for any emergency that might arise in the German-American crisis. All appointments have been canceled and the President plans to remain close to the White House, ready to deal with any new situation and to confer from time to time with the Senate and House leaders regarding needed legislation.

WILL BRING PHILADELPHIA CHILDREN FROM SYRIA

U. S. S. Des Moines to Carry Them From Beirut to a Mediterranean Port. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Salim A. Lottuff, 1130 Passyunk avenue, who were visiting their grandparents in Syria at the outbreak of the war, will be transported within a short time from Beirut on the U. S. S. Des Moines to some port on the Mediterranean.

INTERN BRYAN, SAYS LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN

Following Nebraskan's Suggestion, Dull Man Advises His Representative What to Do. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Intern William Jennings Bryan, that is the recommendation made in a letter received today by Representative Clarence Miller, of Minnesota. It was signed by William E. Richardson, of Duluth.

SALOONS KEPT CLOSED BY REMONSTRANCES

Whole Ward in Mahanoy City "Dry" Pending Decision of License Court. POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 5.—No decision was handed down in the License Court today in the remonstrances against upward of sixty old stands in Mahanoy City, and these stands are closed, and the entire First Ward of that city, with a population of more than 5000 inhabitants, continues dry.

ARSENAL HERE TO HAVE GUNS TO HIT AIRCRAFT

House Committee Favors \$700,000 for Such Equipment for Plants Throughout Nation. Frankford Arsenal is to be equipped with anti-aircraft guns to protect it from possible air raids in case the United States becomes involved in war.

MOURNERS INJURED IN CRASH WITH CAR

Carriage Containing Six Persons Struck at Twelfth and Market Streets. Six persons who were riding in a funeral carriage were injured this afternoon when the vehicle was struck by a trolley car at Twelfth and Market streets.

LEAGUE ISLAND SHIPS READY TO SPEED TO SEA

Steam Up, Men on Duty, Ships Await Word From Washington. The reserve force of the Atlantic fleet, now at League Island, is ready to dash to sea.

MAYOR SMITH ISSUES CALL

City Police Guard Government Buildings — Plants on "War Footing". The reserve force of the Atlantic fleet, now at League Island, is ready to dash to sea.

Steam is up, the men are "at their stations" on the sea fighters at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, supplies are being stored, and the ships are ready to leave at an hour's notice from Washington.

MARINES TAKE CHARGE OF TUCKERTON WIRELESS

A squad of eight marines was sent from League Island this afternoon to take charge of and guard the German-owned wireless station at Tuckerton, N. J.

PRESIDENT FORBIDS SALE OF SHIPS UNDER U. S. FLAG

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Wilson has prohibited sale or lease of any vessel under the American flag.

100,000 TEUTONS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senator Wadsworth today presented to the Senate a telegram from representatives of 500 German and Austria-Hungarian societies pledging the sworn loyalty to the United States of 100,000 members and urging that all steps be taken to preserve peace.

KENTUCKY GUARD TO BE HELD IN SERVICE

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 5.—Orders were received from the War Department at Washington today not to muster out the Second Regiment Kentucky National Guard. The regiment has just returned from the border.

BLIZZARD DAY IN PHILADELPHIA



Whirling winds driving a feathery snowfall before them make walking most uncomfortable, and hazardous, too, on the city streets.

WHIRLWIND WEATHER HOLDS UP TRAFFIC

Ferries and Trolley Cars Delayed in Storm That Blended Ice, Snow and Hurricane. Winds accompanied by a blinding snow swept through the city this morning, causing heavy damage and delaying traffic.

PHILADELPHIA AND FINLAND DOCK AT LIVERPOOL

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The American Line today announced the arrival of the liner Philadelphia at Liverpool at 11 o'clock last night and the arrival of the Finland at 8 a. m. today at the same port.

CENSOR OF NAVY NEWS NAMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Lieutenant Belknap, of the Bureau of Operations, today was designated censor of navy news in the department and at once made plans to prevent the leakage of secrets that would aid an enemy.

DECISION ON ADAMSON ACT WITHHELD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Supreme Court took no action on the Adamson eight-hour law. As the Supreme Court took a recess until March 5, an opinion before that day is impossible.

PANAMA CANAL UNDER STRICT GUARDIANSHIP

PANAMA, Feb. 5.—Extra precautions are being taken by the United States military authorities to guard the Panama Canal. Colonel Morrow, acting Governor of the Canal Zone, said today the Canal ports are being blockaded at night.

U. S. SHIPS CHARGED BELLIGERENT INSURANCE RATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—For the first time since the outbreak of the European war, American vessels sailing for the war zone are being charged the same insurance rates as the belligerents.

STATE GUARDS LOOK FOR CALL TO DUTY TODAY

Men on Toes for Instant Mobilization When Harrisburg Speaks. Officers of the National Guard of Pennsylvania await the official call to arms which they believe will be issued today.

STEWART WAITS ORDERS

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Officers of the National Guard of Pennsylvania await the official call to arms which they believe will be issued today. Instructions from Washington are the only hindrance to the troops assembling and it is expected that a few hours only intervene until the summons is given.

Munitions plants are requesting guards for their property in anticipation of trouble. The Bethlehem Steel Company, it is reported, has already made demands for guards for their plants at Bethlehem and Steelton, together with the Jones-Laughlin Steel Company of Pittsburgh.

While nothing definite is known regarding the future assignment of the National Guard in case of hostilities, it is believed that it will again join the regular army, while the State Constabulary will do guard duty at munitions plants and consulates.

Major Smith received a message from Governor Brumbaugh today requesting that the German consulate here be protected. A similar message was also sent to Mayor Armstrong, of Pittsburgh. Both were in response to a message from Secretary of State Lansing.

Whether or not the State Constabulary will be given the order of looking after the German consulate is not known. Major John C. Groome had a long conference with Governor Brumbaugh. Neither would divulge the outcome of the conference.

The mobilization plan for the guard has been effected by Adjutant General Stewart after war, under pressure. Where troops are without armory facilities, regimental headquarters will be established and large quarters leased to house the troops.

Shipments of munitions for the Allies have been stopped at all the big munition plants, was the rumor this morning. Whether this is due to official orders from Washington or because of the great shipping danger could not be learned.

SHIP BRINGS JAPANESE U-BOAT VICTIMS HERE

Norwegians Picked Up Torpedoed Sailors 210 Miles From Land. GALVESTON, Feb. 5.—The Norwegian steamship Agerin, Captain Anderson, arrived here today from Gibraltar, with the master and forty members of the crew of the Japanese steamship Chinto Maru, picked up in open boats 210 miles from land.

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AGAINST MILITARY TRAINING

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly colder tonight, with lowest temperatures about eight or ten degrees; somewhat warmer Tuesday; westerly gales, diminishing late tonight. LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 7:05 a.m. Moon sets... 8:10 a.m. Sun sets... 5:28 p.m. Moon rises... 11:31 a.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water 12:18 a.m. High water 12:28 p.m. Low water 7:22 a.m. Low water 7:30 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 81 91 101 111 121 131 141 151 161 171 181 191 201 211 221 231 241